

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the final Office Action dated January 30, 2004 (Paper No. 012704). The present amendment cancels rejected claims 2-6. Thus, claims 17-20, 22-25, 27 and 28 are pending in the present case, each of which has been found allowable by the examiner.

Entry of this After Final Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since the amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) satisfies a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action. Reexamination and reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 are therefore courteously solicited.

Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013 under Order No. SON-1408/DIV, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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